



Reach Within to Embrace Humanity

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### COMING NEXT

**24 Jan 2012**  
Salvation Army  
*Russ Bakich*

**31 Jan 2012**  
Charity Fund Meeting  
*Karne Hicks*

# The Rotoreador

Publication of the Rotary Club of Longmont  
Meetings: Tuesdays, 12:00 noon at the  
First Lutheran Church, at 3rd and Terry Street.

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Editorian: **Dr. Jay Breitlow**



### MEETING NOTES

The meeting was joyfully opened with the *Four Way Test* by our favorite El Presidente the one and only... Ciñdy Noblé.

The *Moment of Tebow* was given by Phil Crews.

The *Music Program* was soulfully led by Pastor Steve Easterday McPaden. He says he had a less than 100% voice, but this editorian couldn't even hold a candle to Pastor Steve, with or w/o a voice!

### Birthdays this week:

Rose Crispin (1/22)  
Bob Fulton (1/17) for a grand total of 50 years! (hey who said a chiropractor does math...)

### Club Anniversaries this week:

Ken Cline 1 year,  
Jerry Ledingham 2 years  
Ryan Cowboy Mason 2 years  
Andres Puky 3 years  
Katie Witt 3 years  
Les Wright 3 years

### HOSPITALITY

Dick Richards had his friend Frank in attendance who was a returnee and not yet scared away by us all. Cindy Noble introduced Craig VanLangen. Amy Stoehr introduced YRYLA graduate Alex Wood who spoke with gratitude about her camp experience with YRYLA. The Editorian for the week brought Heidi – who is running the Colorado Baby and Kids expo at the BoCoFairground at the end of April.

### ROTARY CARES

#### Concerns & Celebrations

No cares or concerns from Diane this week, but we do care about the 60 second ad; and today Don Wood spoke about Gold Key travel who in 1979 started working with his angel wife and have loved every second of it. Don encouraged us to call him for you and your families' next cruise. (Heckling about Costa Concordia noted at this point)

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Amy Stoehr was in solitary confinement at the back of the meeting as she was taking names for the fun(d)raising progressive dinner Feb 9<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-8:30. Contact her or El Presidente about the event.

Dan Gust was announcing how well the new way of splitting up the programs was going for him and wanted to thank us and invite us to select a month to help plan programs for future months. Contact him for details.

We also welcomed new member Jane Miller who came via her mentor Rose Crispin. Welcome Jane it is a pleasure to have you here!

It is noted here that the Editorian saw the Rotary winner donate his winnings back to the Colorado Criminal Justice Reform presenters



\$62 each for  
**Longmont  
Council for  
Arts  
& Lucky  
Winner**

## PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Ellen Toomey Hall was here from the Colorado Criminal Justice Reform Coalition. She insisted, partially in jest, that she is NOT a thug hugger, but instead here to talk to us about alternatives to the current Colorado prison system. She spoke about the prison population in CO being 500people/100k residents in CO vs a country like Japan which is 60people/100k residents. She spoke about many alternatives to the system such as resources for re-entry, civic engagement programs, drug reform policy and outreach programs. She also spoke about several pieces of political action which have been started via her coalition – one bill specifically was passed to provide safe treatment of pregnant women. In fact did you know that bill started when they found out one pregnant woman gave birth while being chained to a bed? Yikes! This year the motto of CCJRC is to “educate not incarcerate”.

### Other Clubs in Area 8 Meetings

**Carbon Valley:** 7:00 AM Tuesday, Bella Rosa Country Club

**Mead:** 7:00 AM Friday, Mead Town Hall, 441 3rd Street

**Erie:** 5:30 PM Monday, Colorado National Golf Club

**Twin Peaks:** Noon Thursday, 1st Lutheran, Longmont

**St. Vrain:** 7:00 AM Wednesday, 1st Lutheran, Longmont



Alex Wood, former RYLA student & counselor



Welcome new member Jane Miller



Don Wood gets his 60 seconds of fame



Steve and Phil get the meeting started with song and verse



Colorado Criminal Justice Reform Coalition  
Pam Clifton, Communications Coordinator and  
Ellen Toomey Hale, Finance & Development Coordinator

#### Criminal Justice Reform in 2012

- Tom Clements, new Executive Director of Department of Corrections
- Collateral Consequences - Ban the Box
  - 65 million adults in US, over 1 in 4 adults have a criminal record
  - Applying 1:4 ratio to Colorado work force, potentially 800,000 persons have some form of criminal record
  - Under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 employers are NOT supposed to make blanket exclusions on employing anyone with a prior arrest or conviction
  - There are approximately 50 state laws in Colorado that hinder employment opportunities for ex-offenders
- Drug Sentencing Reform
- School Discipline



#### Need for criminal justice reform?

- The Colorado prison population ballooned from under 4,000 people to over 23,000 people between 1985 and 2007
- The annual state prison budget grew from under \$70 million to over \$800 million today
- In addition Colorado also spent over \$800 million dollars building 12 state prisons and at one point contracted with 7 private prisons
- Currently 1 out of 34 people in Colorado are under some type of supervision in the criminal justice system

A thoughtful and informative program



#### Technical Violations of Parole

- Parole - in 1923 a law went into effect requiring that a separate sentence of parole be completed after being released from prison
- Parole Conditions
  - employment
  - housing
  - treatment (substance abuse, mental health, dv, etc.)
  - meet with parole officer
- Technical Violations - unable to meet parole conditions but have not reoffended
  - sent back to prison for up to 180 days; it costs nearly \$33,000 dollars to keep someone in prison for a year
  - 10,000 people are released from prisons each year, and 67% return to prison within 3 years of release